

**CITY COUNCIL
121 N CHURCH STREET, HUDSON, MI
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

747072:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carmel Camp at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Carmel Camp, Lee Daugherty, Lee Ann Minton, Rick Moreno, Carl Sword,
Pam Ely, and Darlene VandeZande

ABSENT: none

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Steven Hartsel, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan

ORDERS OF THE DAY:**Approval of Minutes of February 04, 2020:****747073:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the minutes of February 04, 2020, and place on file**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments received

NEW BUSINESS:**APPROVE: Medina Township Fire Contract:**

Fire Chief Jerry Tanner has proposed a Fire/Rescue contract between Medina Township and the City of Hudson for a three-year period commencing on July 1, 2020 and terminating at 12:00 midnight on June 30, 2023. Medina Township has already approved and signed the contract.

The contract calls for up to 12 fire/rescue runs in the township per year. Additional runs will be at the rate of \$100.00 per run.

The contract rate is as follows:

\$7,378.68 paid in quarterly installments of \$1,844.67 commencing on July 1, 2020.

In the event either party to this contract becomes a member of a statutory district, that party shall have the right to terminate this contract by thirty (30) days after delivery of the termination notice. The City has had a contact with Medina Township for a number of years.

747074:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **approve the Fire/Rescue contract between Medina Township and the City of Hudson for a three-year period commencing on July 1, 2020, and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract as prepared**, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL: Murdock Trail Trailhead Improvements – Engineering Services:

The City received approval from the Department of Natural Resources for a Recreation Passport Grant for the trailhead area around the Murdock Trail pedestrian bridge. This bridge was completed in 1922, and has begun to deteriorate; it may become hazardous in the future if not repaired within the next few years.

Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering has submitted a proposal to amend the professional services agreement to provide for engineering services for this project for \$38,000.00. This work is reimbursable under the grant. The actual construction work on the bridge will likely occur beginning next spring, with a rededication planned in early 2022, for the bridge's Centennial.

747075:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Pam Ely to **authorize the City Manager to accept the proposal from Fleis & VandenBrink for engineering services for the Murdock Trail Trailhead Improvements for \$38,000.00, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.**

APPROVE: Franchise Agreement Renewal with Comcast:

The 15-year video franchise agreement (Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement) between Comcast of Michigan and the City of Hudson is due to expire next month. Comcast has provided a renewal agreement to cover the next 10 years. Like the D & P agreement approved by Council last month, this agreement has a 5% video franchise fee. This agreement covers operations within the City rights-of-way.

747076:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Darlene VandeZande to **approve the 10-year Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Michigan, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with a 5% franchise fee, CARRIED 6-1 by roll call vote.** (Camp, Ely, Minton, Moreno, Sword, VandeZande ó yes Daugherty óno)

APPROVE: 2020-2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application:

The life span for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) per NFPA standards is 15 years. The Hudson Fire Department last purchased SCBA units with a previous AFG Grant in 2007 and are now over two NFPA standard editions (requirements) old. To maintain NFPA, NIOSH, OSHA and MIOSHA compliance these SCBA units must be replaced within the next two years. The current cost estimates for 1 SCBA harness pack with 30 minute air bottle, 1 spare air bottle, 1 face piece mask, and 1 battery charger for those packs is approximately \$9,221.98 each, multiplied by 1 of these packages is approximately \$138,329.70. A this cost would be a monumental burden on the City of Hudson on its own Fire Chief, Jerry Tanner Jr., along with multiple other Fire Departments, have explored the Federal Grant process. The grant applications that receive the highest priorities through Homeland Security are those that benefit multiple communities in Regional Grants. In Lenawee County there are currently 7 Fire Departments in the same situation and need to replace SCBA units. These 7 agencies, which includes the Hudson Fire Department, have joined together for a regional grant application in the effort to replace the aging SCBA units under a Memorandum of Understanding. The overall amount on the regional grant will be \$1,100,459.18 worth of equipment. The City of Adrian has already taken on the responsibility of being the Host agency and cost of being Administrator of the Grant if awarded. Adrian City has also drafted and had approved through their legal counsel the Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding which are required to be approved and adopted by each Community for Homeland Security to allow the participating Communities and Agencies to apply and receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

747077:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Carl Sword to **approve the adopt the Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding allowing the City of Hudson Fire Department to participate in applying for the Regional AFG Grant, CARRIED 7-0 by roll call vote.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Bills:****Bills to be Approved for Payment: \$38,617.30**

Michigan Gas Utilities	\$1,246.19	Gas Line Repair at 105 S Maple Grove Ave
Unique Paving Materials	\$1,739.52	18.12 Tons of Cold Patch for DPW
Redline Equipment	\$1,796.65	Repairs & Maintenance on Mowers for DPW
Raymond Taylor	\$2,850.00	Rental Inspection for February
Craig Wickham Tree Service	\$6,400.00	Tree Removal on N Maple Grove Ave
BCBS of Michigan	\$24,584.94	Health Insurance Premiums for April

Bills to be Confirmed: \$17,557.11

Grainger	\$1,158.92	Sewage Ejector Pump for WWTP
Lincoln Life Insurance	\$1,275.84	Life Insurance Premiums for March
Consumers Energy	\$2,894.76	Electricity for WTP
Consumers Energy	\$3,612.49	Electricity for WWTP
Modern Waste Systems	\$8,615.10	Monthly Refuse Collection

747078:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **pay the bills**, CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Department Head Reports for February 2020:**747079:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton seconded by Rick Moreno to **accept the Department Head Reports for February 2020, and place on file** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

Accounts Payable Report for February 2020:**747080:**

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Lee Daugherty to **accept the Accounts Payable Report for February 2020, and place on file** CARRIED: 7-0 by roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- We are following State guidelines regarding the virus. Our immediate goal is to retard the spread of the virus. At the City Office, we remain open, and have moved staff seating and added some partitions in order to maintain 6-foot separation between persons. We are also encouraging customers to use the drop box outside the front door if possible, and we will mail out receipts. Ambulance Director Jim Stevens is coordinating with adjacent Ambulance Services to ensure response and coverage. After consulting with Chief Weir, we have suspended further permits for door-to-door sales until further notice. While not wishing to overreact, we will take additional measures as directed by County, State and Federal authorities, or as we determine to be prudent.
- The Preconstruction meeting for the N. Maple Grove Phase 1 Reconstruction Project will be held on Wednesday, March 25th. The project will commence on April 1st.
- The new team at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has decided to end the 50-year-old Certified Business Park Program administered by the Michigan Economic Development Association (MEDA) at the end of this year and replace it with an MEDC-developed Michigan Build-Ready Sites Program.

- The Primary Election held on March 10th went very well, with both the personnel and equipment performing smoothly. The updated interior of the training room/voting area contributed to the positive atmosphere on voting day.
- The testing done with the help of the Rural Water staff on the filter media used at the water plant has confirmed that it will need to be replaced with new anthracite at a total cost of \$50,000. We will include this in the upcoming budget proposal.
- The derelict house at the corner of Wilcox and McClellan was demolished by the Fire Department last week, with an immediate positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Also, Matt Sayre has pulled a demo permit for the two center buildings on the former M&S campus on East Main Street. These buildings are being demolished by Rising Construction and should be down by May.
- The recent ALS initiative to install automatic electronic defibrillators (AEDs) in town met with a successful response last week, with the use of the AED installed at the Methodist Church on a man who had a cardiac arrest during bingo at the church.

ADJOURNMENT:

747081:

Motion by Lee Ann Minton, seconded by Rick Moreno to **adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.**

APPROVED: _____
Carmel Camp, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: _____
Denis F. Jodis, City Attorney

Dated: _____